



SAVE WATER. SAVE MONEY.

With the summer season in full swing, here are some tips for how you and your family can conserve water at home!

CHECK & FIX LEAKS

Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day, and not fixing them is like throwing money down the drain. Check your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems periodically for leaks. If you find any, fix them! Every drop counts!

Size of continuous leak	Gallons wasted per quarter (at 60 psi)
• 1/16"	74,000 gallons
• 1/8"	296,000 gallons
• 3/16"	666,000 gallons
• 1/4"	1,181,500 gallons

IN THE BATHROOM

- **Toilet leaks.** Leaky toilets can easily go unnoticed. To check for toilet leaks, remove the lid from your toilet tank, and drop a small amount of food coloring into the tank. Wait 10-15 minutes. If food coloring appears in the bowl, you have a leak. Repairs may be needed or the flapper valve adjusted. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

- **Turn off the water while shaving or brushing teeth.** You can save eight gallons of water per day while brushing and 10 gallons per shave.
- **Take shorter showers.** Bathrooms account for the largest water consumption percentage in homes. Showers alone use five gallons of water per minute. Consider installing water-saving showerheads.

IN THE KITCHEN

- **Wait for a full load of dishes.** This can eliminate one load of dishes per week and save the average family nearly 320 gallons of water.
- **Scrape, don't rinse.** Before washing dishes by hand or in the dishwasher, scrape them; don't rinse first.
- **Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge** instead of letting the tap run until the water is cool.

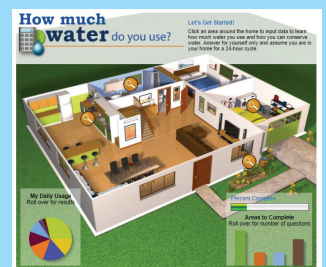
IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- **Wash only full loads of laundry** or use the appropriate load size selection. Wearing clothes more than once can also help to reduce laundry loads and save water.
- **Consider purchasing EnergyStar™ rated washing machines.** They use less water and energy per load.



HOW MUCH WATER DO WE USE?

Every household is different. American Water is a member of the Alliance for Water Efficiency. Check out their online Water Calculator. This tool allows you to input water use information specific to your household and offers tips on where you can save water and energy based on that data. To access the calculator, visit newjerseyamwater.com. Under Water Information, select Wise Water Use.



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